

THE DEMOCRAT

VOL. I

HONOLULU, T. H., MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1910.

No. 6

ELECTION OF KUHIO MEANS GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION

The Territory of Hawaii stands in imminent danger of losing its present system of autonomous government and having substituted therefor government by commission.

The Democrat does not claim that this is an original discovery. For two years and more the Advertiser has been saying that government by commission was coming, and the Advertiser is liable to be right, for once in its wild career, unless the voters of Hawaii do something at this election to head off what is now on the way. Unless Kuhio is defeated, commission government will undoubtedly come.

But now the Advertiser, although it began talking government by commission long before McCandless became the candidate of the Democratic party for delegate to Congress, is trying to make it appear that government by commission will come if the Democrats win. Such poppycock is worthy of the Advertiser, is about what one would naturally expect from that vacillating sheet. What are the facts in the matter?

The first actions tending toward the substitution of commission government for Hawaii were taken by Roosevelt when that voluble Republican was wielding the Big Stick at Washington. And President Taft has carried the idea further during his administration.

Notwithstanding the fact that, in its editorial of this morning's issue, the Tiser tries to make it appear that Democratic success will bring about government by commission, that paper on Sunday claimed, in its Bystander column, that President Taft's announced intention of appointing a negro as collector of internal revenue in Hawaii might be looked upon as the first step toward commission government.

Consistent, isn't it? For President Taft is a Republican—and there has as yet been no Democratic victory in Hawaii. It is apparent, then, that the Advertiser admits that commission government is already on the way and that the success or failure of the Democratic party in this Territory has nothing whatever to do with it.

As a matter of fact, the presence in Washington of such a man as Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole will do more to bring about commission government than anything else. When the administration at Washington considers the fact that Hawaii has for years been sending to the National Capital a man so incompetent that he is unable to do his own work but has to have a private secretary to do it for him while he amuses himself and poses as a freak about Washington, it might be justified in thinking that we are incapable of self-government. Only by sending a competent man to Washington, a representative who will represent the whole Territory and not the Special Interests, can we hope to persuade Congress and the President that we are capable of attending to our own business instead of having to have it done for us from Washington by a commission appointed for that purpose.

Kuhio's continuance as delegate to Congress is a menace to autonomous government in Hawaii. Something

must be done to head off the evil that is on the way. It is up to the voters. If they will elect the man who is capable of representing them and who will represent the common people as well as the rich men, the taro-planter as well as the sugar-baron, it will be a demonstration of the fact that the voters of this Territory are not as incapable as Kuhio's presence in Washington as our representative would indicate.

As a matter of fact, it is not the Hawaiians who will be responsible for commission government, if it comes, but the Special Interests. They want it, and for years they have been working in secret to bring it about. It fits in admirably with their own plans and wishes. It is the voters, the common people, that they are afraid of. They know that the people are getting tired of the domination of Big Business that is without regard for anyone but its own votaries, and they are preparing in advance for the day when the people will say they have had enough of the crooked methods and devious ways of the Special Interests.

This is the situation, then: Roosevelt wanted to bring about government of Hawaii by commission. President Taft wants the same thing. The Special Interests of Hawaii want it. The Advertiser wants it. Kuhio's presence at Washington threatens to bring it about.

Let the voters elect a competent man to represent them in Congress if they hope to head off what is now on the way. A vote for Link McCandless is a vote against government by commission.

ADVERTISER CLASSES THE HAWAIIANS WITH NEGROES

Verily, whom the gods destroy they first make mad. The Advertiser, not satisfied with having insulted the Portuguese, has now reached the point in its madness where it has begun handing out the most atrocious insults to the native Hawaiians.

In its Bystander column yesterday the morning sheet had the impudence to class Jack Kalakiela with the negroes!

Referring to President Taft's threat to appoint Charles A. Cottrill, a negro of Toledo, Ohio, to be collector of internal revenue for the district of Hawaii, the Advertiser says:

"I don't know whether the President had heard of McCandless and his speeches and wanted to frighten us by dangling Mistah Cottrill before us, or whether he got wind of the nomination of Jack Kalakiela and supposed the people here would stand for anything after that."

A little farther on the Morning Insult adds:

"If Hanapi can be elected to the Senate, if Rathburn is fit to be a representative, if Pacheco should be chosen a supervisor, then we are in a position to thank the President for sending Mistah Cottrill as internal revenue collector, T.

GOVERNORSHIP OFFERED TO CARL SMITH AS POLITICAL REWARD

An unholy Republican pact has just come to light which has for its ultimate object the seating of Carl Smith, of Hilo, either in the gubernatorial chair as the successor of Governor Freear, or on the bench of the United States District Court in place of Judge Dole. One of these positions, according to the frame-up, is to be given to the Hilo attorney if he succeeds in winning the island of Hawaii for Kuhio.

It is for this reason that the Republican leaders of the Big Island, and particularly Smith himself, are bending all their efforts toward securing a plurality for Cupid, even at the expense of the other Republican candidates. Indeed, the other candidates are being freely sacrificed. The dictum has gone forth, "Kuhio must win, no matter who else loses." The Big Island must give Cupid a majority even if, in order to get it for him, the Republican leaders have to throw over every other man on the ticket.

Reports received from Hilo are to the effect that Smith, in his wild ambition to earn for himself one of the juicy plums promised him if he succeeds in carrying his county for Kuhio, is freely knifing the other Republican candidates. He realizes that the Republican ticket has no hope as a whole or even in large part. Somebody must be sacrificed. And this accounts for the dissensions among the Republicans of Hawaii.

The voters of the Big Island are asked to wear the collar of Carl Smith, to bow themselves to his will, to submit their judgment to his. Mr. Smith is ambitious, as is evidenced by his hope to be appointed Governor of this Territory or else to preside over the United States Court. In fact, considering the qualifications of Mr. Smith for either of these important positions, one might say that Mr. Smith is very ambitious.

Governor Carl Smith! Think of it! Or Judge Smith, of the United States District Court! Think of that!

Mr. Smith could hardly expect to gather in either of these plums on his personal popularity in the county in which he lives. But he does hope, according to authoritative Hilo reports, to pick one of them as a reward for placing his collar around the necks of the voters and towing them in an obedient line to the polls, there to cast their votes for Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole.

The Republican bosses, of course, are not taking into account in this matter the wishes or preferences of the people of the Territory. What have the people to say about it, anyway? Neither the Governor nor the judge of the federal court is elected by vote of the people. They are appointed by the President of the United States, and the President is not in the habit of asking the people of Hawaii what they want done. He does

as he pleases, which is usually what the Special Interests of Hawaii please.

The Special Interests may have access to the ear of the President; the people have not. Their wishes make no difference to the Republican administration at Washington. And the Special Interests are all Republican, as well they may be, for it is Republican policy and Republican administration of Republican laws that have created and fostered them.

They, then, have a right to expect to be allowed to name governors and judges. And so what is to prevent their carrying out their promise to Carl Smith of Hilo if he succeeds in delivering the goods, in delivering his island over to the Republican party in so far as the vote for delegate is concerned.

A delightful prospect it is for the dear public!—Carl Smith of Hilo, an attorney whose brilliancy, wit and merit have for some strange reason failed as yet to win any great amount of appreciation from either his colleagues or the people.—Carl Smith, of Hilo, the Republican wardheeler, to be elevated to one of the highest, most honorable and most important posts in the Territory in return for delivering the vote for Kuhio.

But are the voters going to stand for it? Are they going to consent to wear the collar of Carl Smith? Are they going to sit calmly by and see a man like that placed in authority over them as a reward for political treachery?

The voters have no choice as to who shall be Governor—but they do elect the delegate to Congress, and by defeating Kuhio they can also defeat the ridiculous pretensions and vaulting ambition of Carl Smith.

It is plain evidence of the desperation of the Republican party leaders when they even for a moment consider elevating a man like Carl Smith to any important position in return for political services. Their cause is a forlorn one and their hope is even more forlorn.

But whatever else they lose, they must retain Kuhio at Washington. For they know that if a man not under the control of the Special Interests, not owned by the System, were to be sent to Washington, he might tell some mighty unpleasant truths about things that have been done in Hawaii. They are afraid and, to prevent such disclosures, they are willing to sacrifice all the rest of their ticket if they can only reelect Kuhio.

But the prospects are now, only a week before the election, that the head of their ticket is one of the weakest candidates on it. His weakness and the strength of his opponent are daily becoming more apparent. The control of Hawaii by the Special Interests is due to receive a big setback a week from tomorrow.

McCants Stewart as attorney general and Jack Johnsing as high marshal of the 'Hawaiian possession'."

And there you are. Because a candidate on the Democratic ticket is a native Hawaiian, the Advertiser classes him with the negroes. Those may be the Advertiser's real views, but they are

mighty poor politics, as the Advertiser and the Republican leaders and Special Interests whom it represents will find out for themselves when the Hawaiian voters get a chance a week from tomorrow to write on their ballots their reply to the nasty insinuations of the morning sheet.